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Our Case No.: 659/911

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Van Gompel et al.

Serial No.: 10/032,700

Filing Date: December 28, 2001

For: REFASTENABLE ABSORBENT  
GARMENT AND METHOD FOR  
ASSEMBLY THEREOF

Examiner: To be assigned

Group Art Unit No.: 3765

SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by

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the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

The references now cited are the following:

No.	Date	Name
5,858,515	1/1999	Stokes et al.

**FOREIGN DOCUMENTS**

DOCUMENT NUMBER <small>Number-Kind Code (if known)</small>	DATE	COUNTRY
EP 0 570 980	11/1993	Europe
WO 00 20208	4/2000	WIPO

Pursuant to the undersigned attorney's obligation and duties under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.98(a)(3) and (c), an English abstract for the European Patent No. EP0570980, which is not in English, is included for the express purpose of providing a concise explanation of the reference to the Patent and Trademark Office with the opportunity to evaluate the same.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g),(h), this Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

This Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of the first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). No fees are believed to be due in connection with filing of this Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be

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Applicant(s) respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,



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 <b>FORM PTO-1449</b> <small>TRADEMARK OFFICE</small>	SERIAL NO. 10/032,700	CASE NO. 659/911
<b>LIST OF PATENTS AND PUBLICATIONS FOR APPLICANT'S INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT</b>		FILING DATE December 28, 2001
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## **REFERENCE DESIGNATION**

## **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

## **FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER Number-Kind Code (if known)	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES OR NO
	C2	EP 0 570 980	11/1993	Europe		Yes (abs.)
	C3	WO 00 20208	4/2000	WIPO		

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Inventor(s) Van Gompel et al.			
Title of Invention REFASTENABLE ABSORBENT GARMEN AND METHOD FOR ASSEMBLY THEREOF			

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is a Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement; Form PTO-1449; cited references C1-C3 and return postcard.

- Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- Petition for a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension of time.
- No additional fee is required.
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Rate	Add'l Fee		Rate	Add'l Fee
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x 42=			x \$84=	
+\$140=			+\$280=	
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